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Humanity in Motion

Monday 7th September 2020

Rotary's Six Areas of Service



PROMOTING
PEACE



FIGHTING
DISEASE



PROVIDING
CLEAN WATER



MATERNAL &
CHILD HEALTH



LITERACY &
BASIC
EDUCATION



ECONOMIC &
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Rotarians worldwide are committed to supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promoting lifelong learning through education-oriented projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.

Literacy is a significant and specific goal for Rotary and is so important that it is one of the six areas of focus for The Rotary Foundations Future Vision – basic education and literacy.

Rotarians around the world invest in the future by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change communities. They share their knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations and also fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.

Everyone has the right to learn to read, write and enjoy the power, pleasures and independence of being literate. For some the journey will be easy, for others it will take much hard



SUPPORTING EDUCATION

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education & literacy, reduce gender disparity in education & increase adult literacy.

Through global grants we can:

- Educate adults in reading, writing & numeracy
- Provide professional development for teachers in curriculum implementation, effective instructional methodologies & student assessments
- Consult with education officials to improve educational materials, facilities, teacher training & curriculum development
- Sponsor a scholar studying adult education with an emphasis on literacy



work and unfortunately for approximately 18 percent of today's world population it will never happen.

There are many ways we can help to reduce this statistic such as:

- Contributing to one of the many worldwide literacy programs in much the same way we are contributing to the "Project Toilet" in India through the Rotary Clubs of Box Hill Central in Melbourne, and the Rotary Club of Nasik Road, India.
- Collect books to donate to remote schools around Australia and the world via Donations in Kind
- Read to children every day.



...and while on the subject of literacy...

At our weekly meeting on Monday August 31st we welcomed Rotarian, John Walters of the Rotary Club of Engadine, to speak about ***See It * Say It * Share It*** program.

A reading specialist, researcher and award-winning writer, John focuses on pre-literacy and reading-readiness and is leading the way to revolutionize the reading, writing and language skills in Indigenous communities.

Through the ***Parent Assisted Immersive Reading*** (P.A.I.R) model, parents use the power of three main reading styles most naturally used when reading aloud to their children (i.e. describer, comprehender & performance orientated).

The 30 million word catastrophe

In a groundbreaking study, University of Kansas researchers Betty Hart and Todd Risley entered the homes of 42 families from various socio-economic backgrounds to assess the ways in which daily exchanges between a parent and child shape language and vocabulary development. Their findings were unprecedented, with extraordinary disparities between the sheer number of words spoken as well as the types of messages conveyed. After four years these differences in parent-child interactions produced significant discrepancies in not only children's knowledge, but also their skills and experiences with children from high-income families being exposed to 30 million more words than children from families on welfare. Follow-up studies showed that these differences in language and interaction experiences have lasting effects on a child's performance later in life.

The results of the study were far more severe than anyone could have anticipated. Observers found that 86% to 98% of the words used by each child by the age of three were derived from their parents' vocabularies.

All of this means that 20-30% of children starting school do not have enough capacity for learning because they do not have a large enough vocabulary and this statistic is worse in the indigenous realm.

With the support of Rotary, John is introducing the ***Immersive Reading Indigenous Support*** (IRIS) program to Aboriginal families in efforts to boost literacy levels in indigenous children.

P.A.I.R. has been created around the latest local and international research. It is built on the core premise that parents who regularly read aloud to their young child can dramatically improve the child's literacy skills. The research in this area is overwhelming.

It is a project that has now drawn the interest of the University of Wollongong where it is researching " Translanguaging ", a new term and study in the field of bilingualism, most



notably in the area of bilingual education. They will be researching the outcomes in the use and practice of the PAIR books distributed under this project.

During the past five years John has been working with teams at the University of Sydney and University of Wollongong in Australia, along with the University of Liverpool and Manchester University in the UK.



A little Rotary education

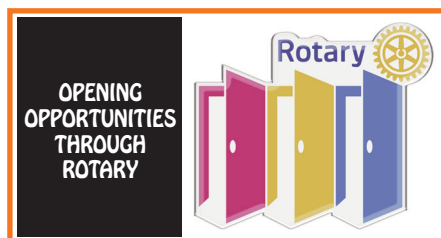
INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A ROTARIAN

As an international organisation, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis.

Here is what it said: “**A worldminded Rotarian:**

- *looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace;*
- *resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;*
- *seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;*
- *defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear;*
- *supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realising that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;*
- *upholds the principles of justice for mankind;*
- *strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;*
- *urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognising that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life.*

That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!



District 9675 Conference 2021

Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March 2021
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Some extraordinary pics from around the world



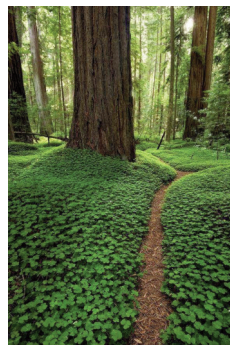
Bubble mid pop



Lenticular cloud over Mt Fuji



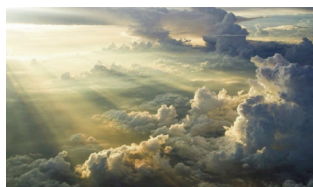
Blue butterflies in Brazil



Clover covering a forest floor



Snail drinking from a bubble



Sunser from above the clouds



An oasis in Libya



Turquoise ice formations in Russia



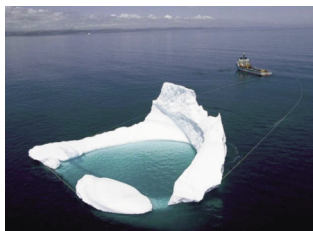
Lions in the rain



8 ton Orca leaps 20ft out of the water



Venice from above



Towing an iceberg in Newfoundland



Praying mantis taking on a bird



Sunset from outer space



Under a breaking wave



Ethiopian volcano that burns bright blue



September is also... New Generations Month



When you invest in young people, you invest in Rotary's future. Each year, Rotary connects thousands of young people to a global network of friendship, service, and action.

As Rotaractors and Interactors, they make a difference in communities at home and abroad. Through Rotary Youth Exchange, they explore new cultures. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants learn skills that will help them succeed as future community leaders. Each year, 500,000 young

people participate in New Generations programs.

The Covid19 Pandemic has played havoc with most New Generation programs this year with MUNA, RYLA and RYPEN postponed till further notice, Youth Exchange in limbo with students around the world often marooned in their host countries or in their country of origin, RYDA working with schools to progress the program via the internet, etc., etc., etc.

We have a number of nominees vying for a place in next years National Youth Science Forum with no outcome at the present moment due to some interviews being postponed because of the virus being detected in some schools resulting in isolation.

On the bright side our annual Citizenship presentations will go ahead at the end of the school year.

It is again planned that 13 schools (26 students) will be receiving Citizenship Certificates, each accompanied by a Dymocks \$50 book voucher. Certificate details are provided by each school.

Director Peter Robinson again plans to encourage each school if feasible to allow a 5 minute presentation on what is "Rotary" when the presentations are made.

These are the schools on the presentation list are:

- **The McDonald College** (Senior),
- **The McDonald College** (Junior),
- **Mortlake Public School, Concord Public School,**
- **Strathfield Nth Public School,**
- **Rivendell School, • Concord High School,**
- **Concord West Public School,**
- **St Ambrose Catholic Primary School,**
- **St Marys Catholic Primary School,**
- **Victoria Ave Public School,**
- **Our Lady of the Assumption,**
- **Southern Cross Vocational College**



MEDICAL TERMS:

Thanks to Allan Petersen who obviously has excess time on his hands!

- **Benign:**
The age one turns after eight
- **Fibula:**
A very small lie
- **Follow-up visit:**
A means of making sure the medico can make the next payment on the Jaguar
- **Haemorrhoid:**
What is offered to an Australian hitch-hiker
- **Nitrate:**
The cost between 6pm and 6am
- **Liver:**
The one who survives surgery
- **Urinate:**
When the nurse reminds you are between seven and nine
- **Varicose:**
Nearby
- **Rectum:**
What you might have done to sheets if you were unable to reach the bathroom in time



Birthdays

Daniel Music [Sept 9th](#), Santino Cassaniti [Sept 13th](#), Peter Dowley [Sept 18th](#), Bill McCaffrey [Sept 30th](#).



This week's politically (in)correct story

Medicare Plan Part G

If you are an older, retired senior citizen who can no longer take care of yourself and need Long-Term Care, but the Government says that there is no Nursing Home Care available for you, what do you do?

You may opt for "Medicare Part G".

The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Part G) and one bullet. You may then shoot one worthless politician (and there are literally heaps from which to choose).

This means you will be sent to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating, air conditioning, Pay TV, a library and all the health care you need!

Need new teeth? No problem! Need glasses? No problem either! Need a hearing aid, new hip, new knees, new kidney, new lungs, new heart? All are fully covered!

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now!

And, who will be paying for all of this? The same Government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a Nursing Home! And, you will get rid of one useless politician while you are at it!

And now, because you are a prisoner, you won't have to pay any more GST!

Is this a great Country or what?

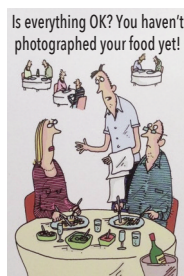
Ah... modern technology

I STILL HAVE A
LANDLINE

OR AS I LIKE TO
CALL IT, A
"MOBILE PHONE
FINDER"

How do you milk
sheep?

Bring out a new
iPhone and
charge \$1000
for it!



Some important life's lessons

You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely - Ogden Nash

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician - Anonymous

An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: the older she gets, the more interested he is in her - Agatha Christie

I don't do alcohol anymore - I get the same effect just standing up fast - Anonymous

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body. - Leo Rosenberg





Interplast is a small charitable organisation started by Rotary in 1983 through a partnership with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Rotary continues to be crucial in both governance and support from clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Interplast sends fully qualified Australian and New Zealand volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to the Asia Pacific region to provide free surgical treatment for patients who would otherwise not be able to afford access to such services.

Treatment is aimed at providing function and mobility for conditions such as cleft lip and palate, tumours and burns scar contractures, also focusing heavily on facilitating medical training and mentoring for in-country medical personnel through building capacity and supporting local health services in direct response to in-country requests.

A fundamental component of their activities is to leave a legacy through strengthening, improving and expanding the abilities of our neighbours' medical staff. The number of programs delivered has grown to over 70 a year.

The continuing financial support of Rotarians is crucial to enabling the life-changing work of the Interplast volunteer medical teams.



A Rotary picnic pictorial

You just HAD to be there!



**AUSTRALIANS ALL LET US REJOICE
 FOR WE ARE YOUNG AND FREE
 WE'VE GOLDEN SOIL AND WEALTH FOR TOIL
 OUR HOME IS GIRT BY SEA
 OUR LAND OF BEAUTY
 ABOUNDS RICH
 IN NATURE'S GIFTS AND RARE
 IN HISTORY'S PAGE, LET EVERY STAGE
 ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR**
IN JOYFUL STRAINS THEN LET US SING "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"
BENEATH OUR radiant southern CROSS, WE'LL TOIL WITH HEARTS AND HANDS
 TO MAKE THIS COMMONWEALTH OF OURS
 RENOWNED OF ALL THE LANDS
 FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS
 WE'VE BOUNDLESS PLAINS TO SHARE
 WITH COURAGE LET US ALL COMBINE
 TO ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR
IN JOYFUL STRAINS THEN LET US SING "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"

Six Short Stories

1 Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's **FAITH**

2 When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.

That's **TRUST**

3 Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's **HOPE**

4 We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's **CONFIDENCE**

5 We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

That's **LOVE**

6 On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 91 years old ... I am sweet 16 with 75 years' experience.

That's **ATTITUDE**

Have a good week and live your life like the six tiny stories !

May you always have love to share, health to spare & friends who care!

Rotary Grace

O Lord Thou Giver of all good,
 We thank Thee for our daily food.
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
 Help us to serve Thee all our days

ROTARY'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.
- 2) Use my vocational experiences and talents to serve in Rotary.
- 3) Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
- 4) Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
- 5) Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.
- 6) Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in my community.
- 7) Honour the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.
- 8) Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

Good
 decisions
 don't just
 happen.

Ask
 yourself
 these 4
 questions:



1. Is it the **TRUTH**
2. Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to All Concerned?



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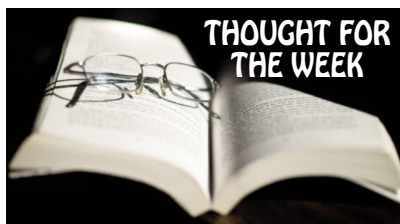
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If you don't
pay your
exorcist,
you get
repossessed.